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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 3, 1871.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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AN ACT

For the better organization of the district courts of the United States within the State of Louisiana.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That for the more convenient transaction of business in the  
4       courts of the United States within the State of Louisiana, the  
5       said State shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into two  
6       judicial districts, in the manner following, to wit: The par-  
7       ishes of Rapides, Grant, Natchitoches, Sabine, De Soto, Caddo,  
8       Bossier, Bienville, Winn, Claiborne, Jackson, Union, More-  
9       house, Richland, Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin,  
10      Tensas, Madison, and Carroll shall compose one district, to  
11      be called the northern district of Louisiana, and the remain-  
12      ing part of the State shall compose another district, to be  
13      called the eastern district of Louisiana; and all criminal actions  
14      or civil suits, either in law or equity, which have arisen in the  
15      northern district, or against persons therein, or con-  
16      cerning lands situated therein, together with all

17 process, writs, or recognizances, and records belonging thereto,  
18 shall be transferred to the northern district; and all civil suits  
19 hereafter instituted against persons residing in said northern  
20 district, or suits concerning lands situated in the same, in the  
21 courts of the United States, shall be in said district; and  
22 there shall be held annually, in said district, two stated  
23 sessions of the court, to wit, at Monroe, on the first Mondays of  
24 May and November in each year; and a person learned in the law,  
25 residing in said northern district, shall be appointed by the Presi-  
26 dent of the United States, by and with the advice and con-  
27 sent of the Senate, judge thereof, with a salary of three  
28 thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-  
29 annually, with the same powers and duties as the district  
30 judge of the United States for the district of Louisiana as it  
31 now exists, and such as are conferred upon him or required  
32 of him by this act, who is required to hold said terms, and  
33 authorized and required to hold special sessions of the said  
34 court in the said northern district, for the trial of civil and  
35 criminal cases, whenever he may deem it expedient; that all  
36 processes, writs, and recognizances of every kind, whether  
37 respecting juries, witnesses, bail, or otherwise, which relate  
38 to cases to be tried at said special sessions, shall be considered  
39 as belonging to said sessions in the same manner as if they  
40 had been issued or taken with reference thereto; that any  
41 special session may be adjourned to any time or times

42 previous to the next stated meeting of the district court  
43 for said districts; that all business pending for trial  
44 at any special court shall, at the close thereof, be  
45 considered as of course removed to the next stated term  
46 of the court; that the district court in said northern district  
47 shall perform all the duties and possess all the powers of cir-  
48 cuit courts of the United States for the State of Louisiana,  
49 except in cases of appeal and writs of error, and the said  
50 judge shall appoint a clerk of the court in the northern dis-  
51 trict, who shall reside and keep the records of the court at  
52 that place, and shall receive for the services performed by  
53 him the same fees and compensation that are allowed to the  
54 clerk of said court holding its sessions in New Orleans, in the  
55 same State, and shall be subject in every respect to the same  
56 restrictions and responsibilities. And the district court for  
57 the eastern district shall be held in New Orleans as hereto-  
58 fore, and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the district and  
59 circuit courts of the United States in New Orleans to trans-  
60 mit by some safe conveyance, or deliver to the clerks of the  
61 northern district, or to their order, the original papers in all  
62 such cases as properly belong to the court in the northern  
63 district by the provisions of this act, together with a trans-  
64 cript of the proceedings had therein.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President  
2 of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized, by and

3 with the consent and advice of the Senate, to appoint one  
 4 person as marshal and one as district attorney for the said  
 5 northern judicial district of Louisiana, created by this act; and  
 6 that the terms of appointment and service, together with the  
 7 duties and responsibilities of said marshal and district attor-  
 8 ney respectively, for the district aforesaid, be in all respects  
 9 the same within their said district, as to the terms of appoint-  
 10 ment and services, the duties and responsibilities of the  
 11 marshal and district attorney respectively, of the present  
 12 district of Louisiana; and said marshal shall receive such fees  
 13 and emoluments as are received by the marshal of the United  
 14 States for the State of Louisiana; and the said attorney shall  
 15 receive an annual compensation of two hundred and fifty  
 16 dollars, and the same fees and emoluments as are allowed to  
 17 the attorney of the United States for the district of Louisiana.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall  
 2 not affect the completion of the census of the State of  
 3 Louisiana for the year eighteen 'hundred and seventy, and  
 4 nothing herein shall affect existing laws or existing officers  
 5 except as herein modified and provided.

Passed the House of Representatives February 2, 1871.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk.*